## Kemak language

**Kemak** is a <u>language</u> spoken in East <u>Timor</u> and in the border region of <u>Indonesian</u> <u>West Timor</u>. An alternate name is **Ema**. It is most closely related to <u>Tocodede</u> and <u>Mambai</u>. It has the status of one of the national languages in the East Timor constitution, besides the official languages of <u>Portuguese</u> and <u>Tetum</u>. The number of speakers has fallen in recent years.

## References

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## **External links**

 Kaipuleohone's collection of Robert Blust's materials include notes on Kemak

Kemak	
Region	East Timor
Native speakers	72,000 (2010 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Austronesian
	<ul><li>Malayo- Polynesian</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Central– Eastern</li></ul>
	■ Timor– Babar
	<ul><li>Ramelaic</li></ul>
	<ul><li>West</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Kemak</li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kem
Glottolog	kema1243 (htt p://glottolog.o rg/resource/lan guoid/id/kema12 43) <sup>[2]</sup>
Distribution of Kemak mother-tongue speakers in East Timor	

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